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SUBJ: SWISS PRESS COMMENTS ON MILITARY DEPT THINKER'S  
COMMENTS ON US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY

REF: BERN 3395

1. JULY 27 SWISS PRESS HAS PICKED UP TAGDS ANZEIGER'S  
JULY 26 ARTICLE ABOUT INTERNAL MILITARY DEPT "THINK  
PIECE" THAT CRITICIZED PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS  
POLICY, AS REPORTED REFTEL. PRESS WAS UNITED IN AS-  
SERTING THAT THIS TYPE OF POLITICAL DEEP THINKING WAS  
NOT APPROPRIATE FOR WIDE CIRCULATION WITH PRESUMED  
BLESSING OF MILITARY DEPT LEADERSHIP AND WAS IN ANY  
CASE PROVINCE OF POLITICAL DEPT.

2. MILITARY DEPT PRESS SPOKESMAN, CLEARLY EMBARRASSED,  
HAS EXPLAINED THAT QTE MEMO UNQTE WAS IN FACT NON-  
OFFICIAL ARTICLE WRITTEN FOR QTE OPEN FORUM UNQTE  
TYPE OF MILITARY HOUSE-PUBLICATION BY A JUNIOR  
OFFICER AND IT IN NO WAY REPRESENTS OFFICIAL THINKING  
OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE GNAEGI OR SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS.

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3. EMBASSY COMMENT: AS EDITORIALS ON SUBJECT MAKE  
CLEAR, SUM TOTAL OF SUMMER-TIME FLAP APPEARS TO BE  
GENERAL DISGRUNTLEMENT ALL AROUND, WITH MILITARY  
DEPT ACCUSING PRESS OF DISTORTION AND OVER-  
REACTION TO AN UNDERLING'S UNOFFICIAL ESSAY; WITH  
NEWSPAPER EDITORS ANNOYED WITH PRESS AGENCY WHOSE  
ORIGINAL REPORT LEFT INACCURATE IMPRESSION THAT

QTE THINK PIECE UNQTE REFLECTED VIEWS OF SWISS  
GENERAL STAFF, AND WITH MILITARY DEPT PRESS OFFICE  
WHICH IT ACCUSES OF INEPTNESS; WITH POLITICAL DEPT  
UNHAPPY OVER WHAT IT SEES AS MILITARY DEPT ENCROACH-  
MENT ON ITS TERRITORY. EMBASSY HAD QTE NO COMMENT  
UNQTE TO QUERIES BY PRESS AND IS NOWHERE MENTIONED IN  
NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS.  
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